GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

EFS & T Dept., – Management Authority for Kolleru Lake and Terms of references – Constituted – Orders - Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (Sec-II) DEPT

G.O.MS.No. 67 **Dated: 04-11-2025**

Read the following:-

1) F.No.6-26/2018 WL, Dt.18.04.2018 of MoEF&CC (WL), New Delhi.
2) From the PCCF & HoFF, Andhra Pradesh, Mangalagiri Lr.Rc.No.21/43/2024/WL.1, dated 27.03.2024.
3) Memo No.744/Sec.II/2024/2408567, dated 24.07.2025.
4) From the PCCF & HoFF, Andhra Pradesh, Mangalagiri Lr.Rc.No.21/43/2024/WL.1, dated 16.09.2025.

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ORDER:

The Standing Committee for National Board for Wildlife (NBWL) vide reference 1st cited has recommended to set up Kolleru Lake Management Authority as recommended in the Management Plan of Kolleru Wildlife Sanctuary approved vide PCCF (WL) & CWLW, Rc.No.21051/3/2020/WL-1(iii), dated 23.05.2023, for sustainable management of the Kolleru wetland.

2. Accordingly, the PCCF&HoFF vide 4th read above has submitted proposal for constitution of Management Authority for Kolleru Lake consisting of the officials and its items of references for sustainable management of Kolleru Wetlands which requires a multi-disciplinary approach involving all the stakeholders.

3. Government have examined the above mentioned proposal submitted by the PCCF&HoFF, AP and hereby constitute the Management Authority for Kolleru Lake consisting of the following officials and its terms of references :

S.N	Name of the designatory of Management Authority	Designation
1	Chief Secretary, Govt. A.P., Secretariat	Chairman
2	Spl. Chief Secretary / Principal Secretary, EFS&T Department, A.P., Secretariat	Vice-Chairman
3	Spl. Chief Secretary / Principal Secretary, Revenue Department, A.P., Secretariat	Member
4	Spl. Chief Secretary / Principal Secretary, Fisheries Department, A.P., Secretariat	Member
5	Spl. Chief Secretary / Principal Secretary, Agriculture Department, A.P., Secretariat	Member
6	Spl. Chief Secretary / Principal Secretary, Panchayat Raj & Rural Development Department, A.P., Secretariat	Member
7	Spl. Chief Secretary / Principal Secretary, Water Resource Department, A.P., Secretariat	Member
8	Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, A.P.	Member
9	Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife) & Chief Wildlife Warden, A.P.	Member Convener
10	Commission / Director of Agriculture Department, A.P.	Member
11	Commission / Director, Fisheries Department, A.P.	Member
12	Commissioner / Director, Pachayat Raj & Rural Development Department, A.P.	Member
13	Commissioner / Director, Tourism Department, A.P.	Member

14	Vice chairman, Andhra Pradesh Remote Sensing Agency (APSAC)	Member
15	Member Secretary, AP Pollution Control Board,	Member
16	Chief Engineer, Water Resources, Department, A.P	Member
17	Collector and District Magistrate, Eluru	Member
18	Collector and District Magistrate, West Godavari, Bhimavaram.	Member
19	Collector and District Magistrate, Krishna, Machilipatnam.	Member
20	Member Secretary, A.P, State Bio Diversity Board, Guntur.	Member
21	Representative from Bombay Natural History Society	Member
22	Head, Department of Zoology and Fisheries, Sir C.RReddy Women's College, Eluru	Member
23	NGO nominated by the Member Convener	Member
24	Chief Conservator of Forests, Rajahmundry Circle	Member
25	Divisional Forest Officer, WLM- Eluru	Member
26	Scientist, Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun	Member

Terms of reference for Kolleru Lake Management Authority :

i. Kolleru Lake Management Authority has a distinct identity and is the lead agency having a neutral role in balancing competing interests.

ii. Representation from all the key Departments, having stake for Kolleru Lake Conservation and Management.

iii. Formulate an operational programme (Planning, study, project, review, action etc.) which will establish inter agency working relationships so that management objectives are coordinated and mutually supportive.

iv. Formulate an overall strategy that provides a long-term vision for the future use, conservation and development of the lake.

v. Execute multi-dimensional and multi disciplinary activities in collaboration with stakeholder Government Departments and communities living in and around the lake.

vi. Sustainable fisheries development to maintain / restore fish diversity and yield.

vii. Control of siltation through catchment management in participatory manner.

viii. Maintain / restore hydrological regimes by catchment conservation and appropriate allocation of water for ecosystem conservation and food security involving concerned stake holder agencies and communities.

ix. Improve water quality through control of pollution and maintaining / restoration of hydrological regimes.

x. Biodiversity conservation of Kolleru Lake at genetic, species and at ecosystem levels.

xi. Control of invasive species and enhancing biodiversity.

xii. Sustainable resources development within lake area and its catchments by promoting alternate additional income generation programmes.

xiii. Promote ecotourism development with the objective of lake conservation and providing benefits to the local community.

xiv. Collaboration with relevant institutions at State, National or International levels for overall development of the lake. Carry out Environmental Impact Assessment periodically to ensure lake conservation and sustainable use of lake resources.

xv. Carry out hydro biological monitoring of lake on scientific guidelines.

xvi. Upgrade the management and professional skills of the agencies Associated with conservation and development of the lake.

xvii. Prepare an Integrated Management Plan for the Ramsar site.

xviii. Acquire by gift, purchase, exchange, lease, hire or otherwise any property movable and immovable and to construct, improve, alter, demolish or repair and work as may be necessary or convenient for carrying on the activities of the authority without making negative impact on the ecology of the lake.

xix. Meeting of the Kolleru Management Authority shall be held at least once in three months at such time and place as the Chairman/Chairperson may from time to time determine for the better management of the lake. Meeting will be called for by the Member-Convener i.e., the PCCF(WL) & CWLW, A.P on the directions of the Chairman/Chairperson.

xx. The Chairman/Chairperson of the Kolleru Lake Management Authority may convene a special meeting of the Kolleru Lake Management Authority to consider any matter of special importance or urgency.

xxi. Every meeting of the Kolleru Lake Management Authority shall be convened by the Member Convener duly issuing a notice well in advance as required under the provisions of the Act.

xxii. Half the number of Members of the Kolleru Lake Management Authority including the Chairman/Chairperson present in person shall constitute the quorum for any meeting of the Kolleru Lake Management Authority and to pass any resolutions.

4. The PCCF&HoFF, AP shall take necessary further action accordingly in the matter.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

KANTILAL DANDE
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To :
The PCCF & HoFF, AP Mangalagiri.
The PCCF (WL), AP, Mangalagiri.
All the officials of Kolleru Lake Management Authority.

Copy to :
The PS to Secretary to Hon'ble Chief Minister.
The OSD to Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister.
The OSD to Chief Secretary to Government.
The PS to Prl Secretary to Government, EFS&T Dept.,
SC/SF (2408567)

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